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ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE
CONTRACTION WITHIN THE SPINE

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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW
FINALITY OF THE OFFICE ACTION
AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, for which a response is due June 8, 2004. Thus, this response is timely filed.